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RE: Application No. 10/688,273, proposed agenda for an interview regarding the non-final Office Action of March 31, 2008.

Dear Examiner Lee:

I would like to schedule a phone interview with you to discuss the non-final Office Action of March 31, 2008 before the due date for responding the Office Action, June 31, 2008.

In the interview, I would like to discuss the rejection of main claims (in particular, claim 1) under 35 USC 103(a) over Oh-Yang et al in view of Khouli et al. and hope to reach a solution in order to place these claims in condition for allowance. Claim 1 reads:

1. A method, comprising:

transmitting a command to a card for changing mode of the card from a dormant mode to a normal mode, said card being connected to an interface of a terminal and said command being transmitted from the terminal via a command line of the interface, and

in response to said command, the card changing the mode from the dormant mode to the normal mode and transmitting to the terminal an indication of mode change via a data line of the interface,

wherein said command is used for changing the mode of the card from the dormant mode to the normal mode or from the normal mode to the dormant mode, said command comprises at least one bit, said bit indicates whether the mode change is from the dormant mode to the normal mode or from the normal mode to the dormant mode, and

wherein the indication of mode change in the card is transmitted in such a manner that a state of the data line is set in a first logical state after the command has been received in the card, and the state of the data line is set in a second logical state after the normal mode is in use in the card.

In previous response (filed with RCE on 02/01/2008), the applicant argues that the combination of references do not teach that the terminal transmits a command to change the mode of the card, and the card transmits to the terminal an indication of the mode change in response to the mode change command. The Examiner found this argument not persuasive.

In the interview, I hope to discuss is matter with you. Please call or email me to set up a time for the interview.

Sincerely yours,



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